

REMARKS

In response to the Examiner's indication (via telephone) that the amendments requested in the *Preliminary Amendment* filed May 5, 2006 are confusing, Applicants submit herewith amendments to the Specification that are intended to replace those made in the *Preliminary Amendment* filed May 5, 2006.

Applicants respectfully call to the Examiner's attention that, while some of the amendments in the *Preliminary Amendment* filed May 5, 2006 are erroneous, at least some of the amendments refer to the Amended Sheets that were incorporated into the application during the international stage.

Applicants request that the *Preliminary Amendment* filed May 5, 2006, not be entered, and that the present amendments be entered instead. The present amendments do not include any subject matter that was not in the *Preliminary Amendment* filed May 5, 2006.

Interim amendment to the specification

During prosecution, page 1 of the specification was amended to correct the citation of US patent 4,544,207.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments and allowance of the amended claims of this application. Should the Examiner find any impediment to the allowance of this case that could be corrected by a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned.

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